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DEVELOPMENT OF COMMERCIAL-SCALE NON-BAUXITIC U.S. SOURCES
OF ALUMINA"

1. DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN NOTIFIED BY GAO OF THE SUBJECT RE-
VIEW WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE AT ADDRESSEE POSTS AND IN
WASHINGTON. GAO INTENDS TO REVIEW THE ECONOMIC FEASIBILITY
OF DEVELOPING COMMERCIAL-SCALE PILOT PLANT TECHNOLOGY AND

POSSIBLE GOVERNMENT INVOLVEMENT IN FINANCING SUCH A FACILITY. THEY WILL ALSO EXAMINE THE IMPLICATIONS OF, AND CONSTRAINTS ON, SUCCESSFUL DEVELOPMENT OF SUCH A PROCESS FOR THE U.S. ECONOMY, MAJOR ALUMINUM COMPANIES, AND PRINCIPAL FOREIGN SUPPLIERS OF BAUXITE.

2. IN ADDITION TO DISCUSSIONS WITH EMBASSY PERSONNEL, GAO WOULD LIKE TO MEET WITH HOST GOVERNMENT AND INDUSTRY PERSONNEL TO REVIEW GOVERNMENT POLICIES REGARDING PAST AND FUTURE BAUXITE PRICES AND ALUMINA REFINING TECHNIQUES.

3. FOR PARIS. IN FRANCE, GAO WOULD LIKE TO CONTACT GOVERNMENT AND INDUSTRY OFFICIALS TO DETERMINE THE STATUS AND TRANSFERABILITY OF THE PECHINEY CLAY-ALUMINA REFINING PROCESS, AS WELL AS ITS IMPLICATIONS FOR A TWO-TIERED SYSTEM OF BAUXITE PRICES AND PENETRATION OF THE U.S. ALUMINUM MARKET.

4. GAO VISITS TO POSTS ARE TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR THE PERIOD MID-MAY THRU MID JUNE. EXACT DATES AND NAMES AND SECURITY CLEARANCES OF AUDITORS WILL BE COMMUNICATED BY GAO OVERSEAS BRANCH DIRECTORS IN PANAMA AND FRANKFURT.

5. DEPARTMENT WISHES TO COOPERATE WITH THE GAO IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE GUIDELINES IN 4 FAM 930-934. GAO IS AWARE THAT CONTACTS WITH FOREIGN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS ARE UNCLASSIFIED

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AT THE DISCRETION OF THE AMBASSADOR, TO BE ARRANGED FOR BY THE EMBASSY, AND AN EMBOFF TO ACCOMPANY, IF FEASIBLE. VANCE

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